

**R E M A R K S**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment.  
Applicants' amendments do not introduce new matter.

**1. Amendment to the Specification**

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120, the specification has been amended to recite the divisional status of this application, and its relationship to previous applications filed by the Applicants.

**2. Amendment to the Claims**

In prior filed application Serial No. 10/281,563, the claims were restricted into three Groups:

Group I:        Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a composition, classified (by the Examiner) in class 514, subclass 312.

Group II:        Claim 3 drawn to a process of preparing, classified (by the Examiner) in class 546, subclass 155.

Group III:       Claims 4 drawn to a process of preparing, classified (by the Examiner) in class 546, subclass 153.

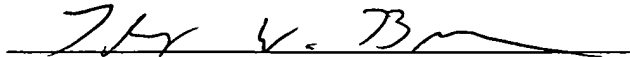
This application presents for prosecution Group III (claim 4). Applicants note that claim 4 has been amended<sup>1</sup> to incorporate, into the preamble, the chemical name of the final product synthesized in the method as claimed.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants have amended claim 4 to further their business interests and expressly reserve the right to prosecute the original claim, or claim(s) similar thereto, in subsequently filed application(s).

Claims 1 and 2 (Group I) have been cancelled as these claims were allowed in co-pending application No. 10/281,563 (our File No.: CUTLER-07194). Claim 3 (Group II) has been cancelled without prejudice to prosecuting the same in another application.

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